

<b>COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>POLICY DIRECTIVE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROCEDURAL DIRECTIVE</b>	
Subject Landscaping with Native Plant Material			Number 503.0
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PURPOSE

This directive is to provide direction to the Department in an effort to conserve water and reduce maintenance costs on landscaped highway segments through the use of native or dryland adaptable plant materials.

AUTHORITY

The Colorado State Transportation Commission

APPLICABILITY

This directive applies to all Divisions of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Department to use native or dryland adaptable plant materials on future Department landscaping projects. The Departmental policy also encourages other state and local agencies, and the landscape industry in general, to use native and dryland adaptable plant materials in their landscape projects.

It is recognized that certain projects will require irrigated plantings. These projects are to be kept at a minimum and, where necessary, irrigation systems are to be designed to make best use of the least amount of water through the use of low precipitation or drip irrigation systems or by watering for plant establishment only. All future construction plans which include planting specifications and all District and staff maintenance activities shall reflect this policy.

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